

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
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The Honorable Tom Wheeler  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

I am writing to bring to your attention a serious concern I have with the selection process involving the contract for the Local Number Portability Administrator (LNPA).

The LNPA is responsible for updating a database of over 650 million telephone numbers which is, in turn, used by over 2,000 carriers to properly route calls. This database announces over 1.5 million telephone number ownership and routing changes each day which supports the proper routing of over 5 billion calls and 7 billion text messages on a daily basis. Additionally, the LNPA provides critical functionality to law enforcement and public safety. This crucial communications infrastructure must be protected from both inside and outside threats.

Unfortunately, when the RFP was originally drafted by North American Portability Management LLC, security requirements were barely mentioned. Now, however, this matter is pending before the Federal Communications Commission and I believe it is the responsibility of the federal government to ensure that issues involving national security and public safety are first and foremost in any decision regarding critical infrastructure. I urge you to confer with your colleagues within the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice and the intelligence agencies regarding what security requirements should be included in the RFP to best protect our national security. Only after appropriate security requirements are included within the RFP and after all bidders are given an opportunity to compete on the same set of terms, should this contract be finalized by the Federal Communications Commission.

Sincerely,



Mike Pompeo  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

cc: Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel  
Commissioner Ajit Pai  
Commissioner Michael O'Reilly



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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON

September 30, 2014

The Honorable Mike Pompeo  
U.S. House of Representatives  
107 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Pompeo:

Thank you for your recent letter expressing your views regarding national security implications related to the Federal Communications Commission's selection of the local number portability administrator (LNPA). I appreciate your making me aware of your strong interest in this matter.

Security is at the forefront of the Commission's mission in overseeing our nation's communications infrastructure. The LNP system, as you note, is of vital importance to the national security and the country's communications networks, and we recognize the need to preserve the effective, reliable, and secure operation of the LNP system and protect it from rapidly evolving future cyber threats.

As you know, we are currently engaged in a process to select the LNPA. I can assure you that, throughout this process and thereafter, we will do whatever is necessary to ensure the LNP system meets highly rigorous standards for security and reliability for our Nation.

Again, thank you for contacting me regarding your interest in this matter. If I can be of further assistance, please have your staff contact Sara W. Morris, Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, at 418-0095.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Tom Wheeler", is written over a horizontal line.

Tom Wheeler